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23 March 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: All Office Directors and NIOs

FROM : Presidential Briefing Coordinator

SUBJECT : Presidential Briefing Topics for 5 April and Later

1. The following topics were covered in the 22 March Presidential Briefing in addition to some administrative and operational matters:

- A. Brazilian Perspective
- B. Angolan Update

2. The following topics are nominated for the 5 April Presidential Briefing:

- A. Mideast Trip Debriefing
- B. Soviet ASAT Capability

3. The following topics are in various stages of preparation for future Presidential Briefings. The responsible officer and tentative dates, if known, are shown:

- A. Covert Communications (OTS)
- B. Monitoring a CW Ban (OSI)
- C. NIE 11-4-78 (NIO/USSR) 2 May
- D. Soviet Forced Labor Camps (OGCR)
- E.
- F. Evaluation of Imagery Performance (ICS)
- G. Estimating SLBM Effectiveness--
  - A Soviet and US Comparison (OWI) 25 April
- H. NIE 4-1-78 (NIO/CF) 11 April
- I. Overview of Trends in the African Sub-Saharan Belt (NIO/AF) 16 May
- J. Greek-Turkish Relations (NIO/WE) 9 May
- K. Operations Briefing (DDO) 18 April
- L. Soviet Launch on Warning Capability (OWI) 25 April
- M. SIGINT Capability (NSA) 11 April

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- N. The Current Situation--China after the National Peoples Congress (NIO/CH)
- O. Soviet R&D on Low Altitude Air Defense Systems (OWI) 25 April
- P. Military Lessons Learned About Performance of Soviet and Cuban Forces from the Somali-Ethiopian Campaign (NIO/AF:OSR) 16 May
- Q. Egypt's Water Problems and Use of Computer Simulation Model to Assess Future Alternative Water Management Strategies (OGCR)

4. The following topics have been proposed as possible future topics for Presidential Briefings. These topics have not yet been approved by D/NFAC. After D/NFAC approval of the topic, the responsible officer will be asked to provide an outline for the DCI's approval. Preparation of the draft briefing will start after the outline is approved.

- A. President's Quarterly Report
- B. The North Asian Military Balance
- C. The French Elections: Why and Where to Next
- D. The Spanish Communist Party Congress
- E. Preparations for Force Reductions in Korea

5. The following topics have been deleted from the list of working topics for the reasons indicated:

- A. Southeast Asia Perspective: To be renominated if DCI/NIO meeting develops themes which merit development into a briefing.
- B. Nuclear Energy Problems and Alternatives in the LDCs: Renominate when the paper on which the briefing is based is ready for publication.
- C. Potential Leaders of an Independent Palestine: Too many higher priority briefings for the period during which this topic would be timely to merit continued work on briefing. Handle via written report if appropriate.
- D. Cuban and Soviet Military Leaders in Africa: Incorporated in the 14 March briefing.

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6. The D/OCR, D/ORPA and NIOs NP, NESA and LA are requested to submit topics for use in early May by COB Tuesday, 28 March. The D/OER and D/OSI and NIOs CF and SS will be requested to nominate topics for use in May the following week.

7. No memorandum on the status of Presidential briefing topics will be prepared during the week of 27 March.



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## TENTATIVE MAJOR TOPIC PREPARATION SCHEDULE

<u>Week of</u>	<u>Backup Material to DCI on:</u>	<u>DCI/NFAC Meeting on:</u>	<u>Presidential Briefing on:</u>
3 April	NIE 4-1-78	SE Asia	Trip Debrief ASAT Vulnerability
10 April	Soviet Launch on Warning Capability and R&D on Low Altitude Air Defense and Estimating SLBM Effectiveness	(None)	SIGINT (NSA) NIE 4-1-78
17 April	NIE 11-4-78	?	Operations Briefing (DDO)
24 April	Greece & Turkey	NIE 11-4-78	Soviet Launch on Warning Capability and R&D on Low Altitude Air Defense, and Estimating SLBM Effective- ness
1 May	Trends in Africa's Subsaharan Belt Military Lessons of Soviet & Cuban Involve- ment in the Horn	Greece & Turkey	NIE 11-4-78
8 May	China	Africa's Sub- saharan Belt	Greek-Turkish Relations
15 May	North Asia Military Balance	China	Trends in Africa's Subsaharan Belt Military Lessons of Soviet & Cuban Involve- ment in the Horn

Filler material will be available on the following topics:

- Soviet Forced Labor Camps
- Covert Communications
- Monitoring a CW Ban
- Evaluation of Imagery Systems

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